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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Westminster

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MD. HISTORICAL TRUST NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
BOX 1704 INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

N. R. FIELD SHEET

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: Church of the Ascension	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Court Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Westminster			
STATE Maryland	CODE	COUNTY: Carroll	CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	
Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNERS NAME: [Church of the Ascension, Parish of]	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Westminster	STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE: Maryland
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: city lot	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY:	
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Church of the Ascension, Westminster is a small stone Episcopal church built according to ecclesiological principles. It has a tall, narrow nave (with four lancet windows on the side), a small entrance porch, and a deep chancel. Above the entrance there is an open bell cote. Interior is equally simple with plain stucco walls and wood beam ceiling.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1844

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐architectureAgriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The Church of the Ascension is a modest, but good example of the type of church advocated by the Ecclesiological Society. The Society published and offered plans by approved architects to Anglican congregations so that, even in a small country church, the proper ritualistic atmosphere could be obtained. The then Bishop of Maryland was very receptive to ecclesiastical church planning and Maryland has a number of notable churches of the 1840s and 1850s which were strongly influenced by ecclesiology, e.g. Emmanuel Church, Cumberland and the Chapel at Hannah More Academy in Reisterstown.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Phoebe B. Stanton The Gothic Revival and American Church Architecture 1840-1856 Baltimore: 1968

Rev. Pinkney Corsa, Rector

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: William Morgan		
ORGANIZATION Department of Art History	DATE June 10, 1970	
STREET AND NUMBER: University of Delaware		
CITY OR TOWN: Newark	STATE Delaware	CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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1. STATE COUNTY TOWN <i>Westminster</i> VICINITY STREET NO. ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
	2. NAME <i>Ascension P.E. Church</i>	DATE OR PERIOD <i>1844</i> STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER
	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
	4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION	

OPEN TO PUBLIC

*Architect - Robert Carey Long
 Oldest standing church in Westminster*

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
 INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

*West. Bi Cent Program
 10/4/1964*

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

*Rivers
 MTT 10/70*

DATE OF RECORD

NT HOUSE

COURT STREET

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ROSS
DER

CARR-558
CARROLL COUNTY
COURT HOUSE

CARR-469
FISHER HOUSE
(51)

CARR-468
WAMPLER HOUSE
(49)

CARR-460
KELLY-MCHINTIRE HOUSE
(45)

CARR-466
CHARLES ROBERTS HOUSE
(34)

ASCENSION EPISCOPAL RECTORY
(5)

CARR-464
ASCENSION EPISCOPAL
CHURCH CHAPEL
(30)

CARR-509
GERMARD-CLEMON
HOUSE
(22)

COURT STREET

CARR-571
ASCENSION-EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

CARR-471
BENNETT-PARKE
HOUSE
(23)

CARR-373
FARMERS & MECHAN-
ICS BANK OF CAR-
ROLL COUNTY
(195)

CARR-365
(197-199)

CARR-366
ISAAC SHRIVER'S STORE
(201)

CARR-132C
CAMPBELL-BARNITZ
HOUSE
(211)

CARR-134B
CHRISMAN-BARNITZ-
WILLIS BUILDING
(227)

CARR
GEOR
(12)

CARR-
BERNS
(229)

CARR-
TURF
(233)

CARR-
BANK
STER
(249)

EAST MAIN STREET (MD. 31 & 32)

CITY OF WESTMINSTER

Provisions, etc.
 Groceries, Hardware, Wood-
 work, Fish, and all kinds of
 in Dry Goods and Notions,
 in Quincys, Glassware,
 Ware, Fancy Goods, Groceries
 & Etc.
 in Dry Goods, Groceries,
 Flour and a half mile north
 a Turnpike Road.
Stable.
 of Central Hotel.
 of Westminster Hotel.
 of Monks House.

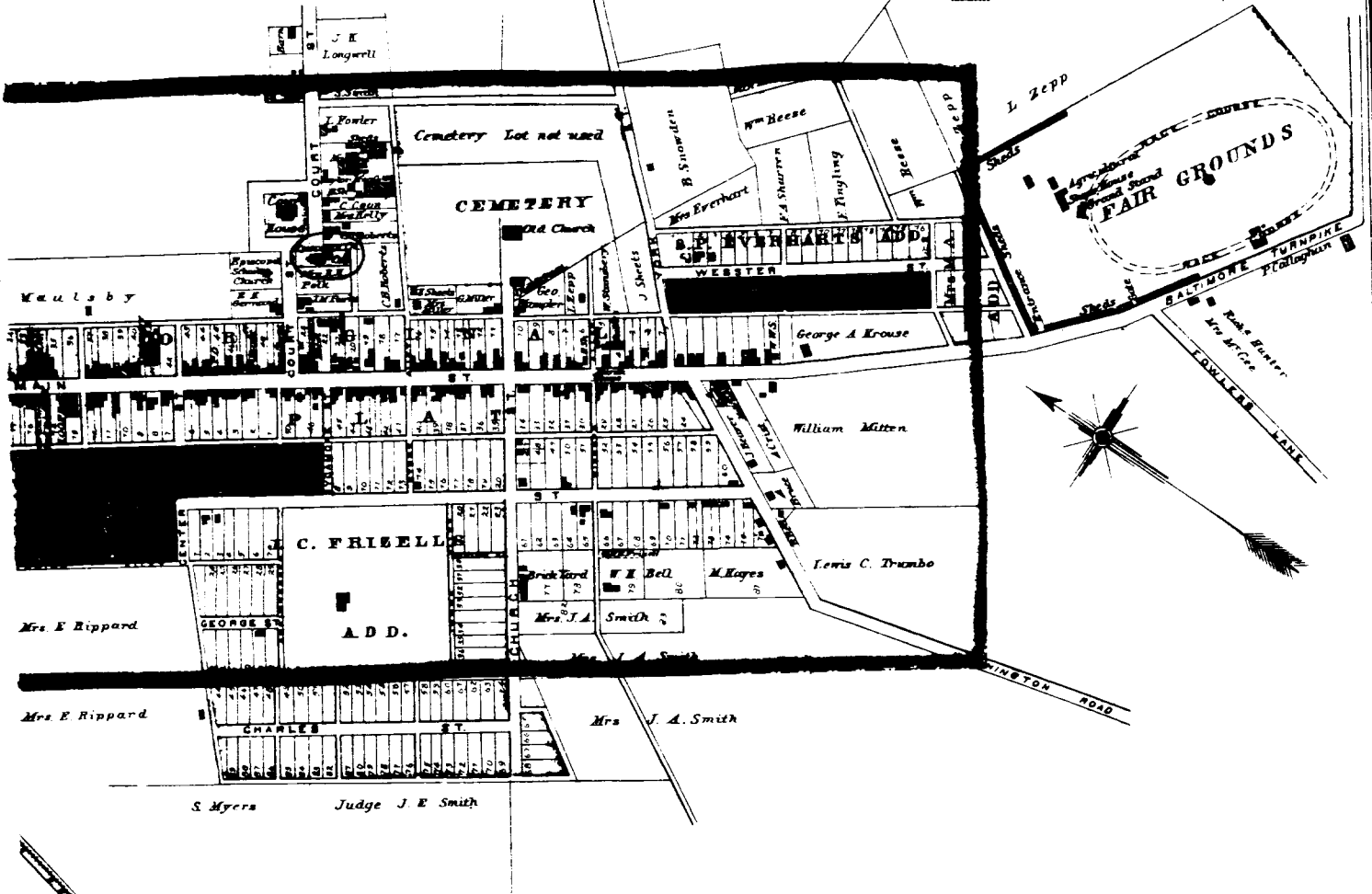
Lime and Lime Stone.
 Thos. F. Goodwin, Farmer and Proprietor of Lime Kiln.
 Lime and Lime Stone for sale. Kiln one mile
 southwest of Westminster.
 Joseph A. Goodwin, Farmer and Proprietor of Lime
 Stone Quarry, and Dealer of Improved Stock.
 Wm. Bachman, Farmer and Proprietor of Lime Stone
 Quarry and Iron Ore Bank. Also, Breeder of
 Devonshire Cattle.
 Henry B. Riegel, Farmer and Proprietor of Lime Stone
 Quarry.
 Joshua Corbin, Farmer and Lime Burner, two and a half
 miles southwest of Westminster.
 Wm. H. Orndorff, Farmer, also has for sale Lime Stone
 and Lime. One and a quarter miles southwest of
 Westminster.
 E. Baskard, Farmer and Dealer in Lime Stone and Lime,
 one and a half miles southwest of Westminster.
 Jacob Myerly, Farmer and Dealer in Lime Stone and
 Lime, one mile southwest of Westminster.

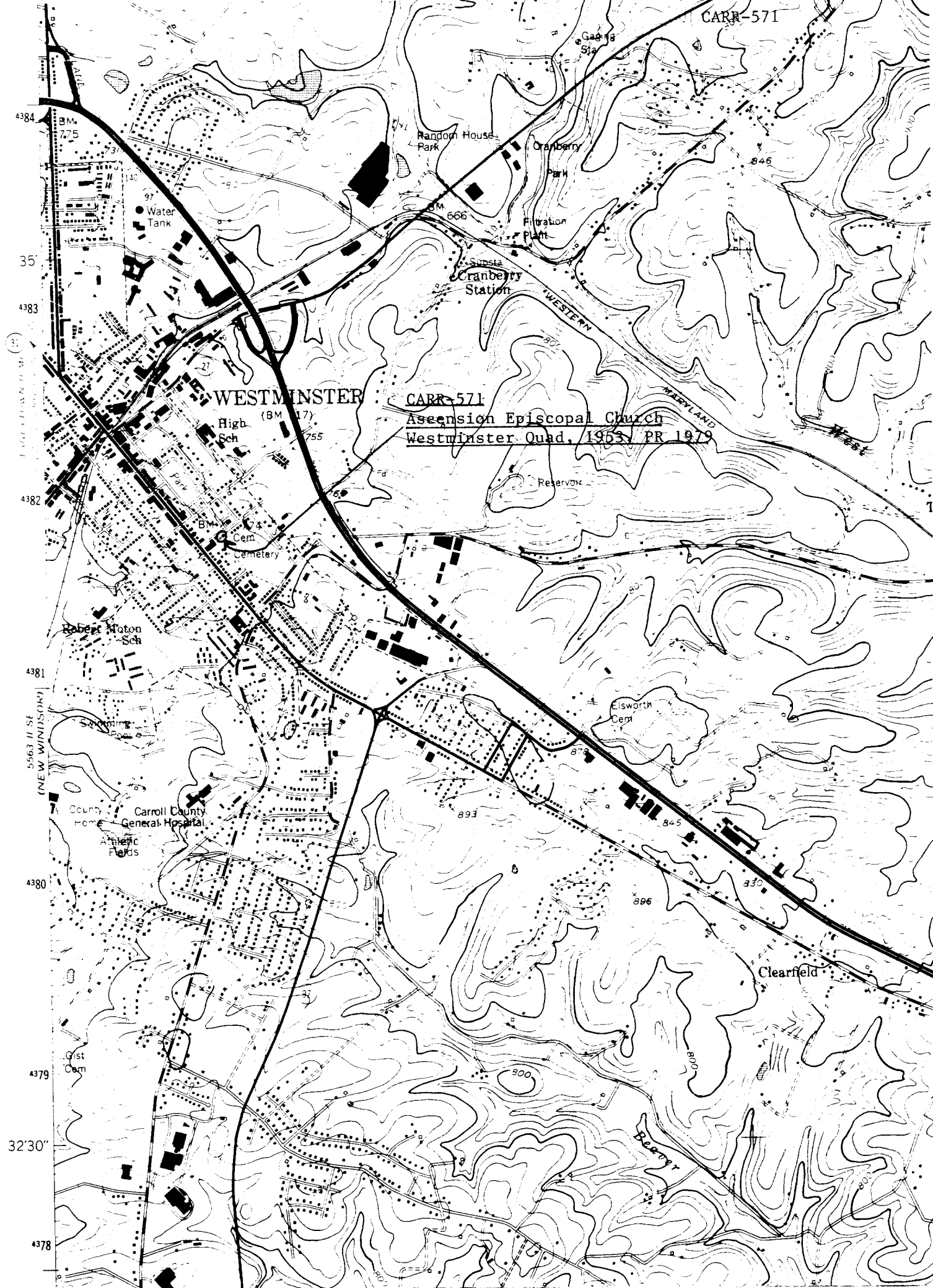
Mills.
 John D. Reap, Miller. Custom Grinding and Sawing
 done promptly. Also, Farmer and Proprietor of
 Stone Quarry.
 Emanuel Mackley, Manufacturer of Flour, Feed, &c.
 Highest cash price paid for Wheat, Corn, &c.
 Mill one and a quarter miles southwest of West-
 minster.
 David Moul, Farmer and Proprietor of Grist and Saw
 Mills. Keeps constantly on hand Flour and Feed.
 Custom work done promptly. Two and a half
 miles southwest of Westminster.
 Albert Winters, Farmer and Manufacturer of Flour,
 Feed, &c. Custom Sawing and Grinding done
 promptly. One and a half miles east of West-
 minster.

Newspapers.
 "The Advertiser." Published every Saturday by W. E.
 Vanderford. The best advertising medium in Ma-
 ryland, at \$2.00 per year. Job work of every style
 and variety neatly executed.
 "American Sentinel." Established 1894. Published
 weekly at \$1.50 per month. In advance. It has
 the largest circulation and is the best advertising
 medium in the country. R. J. Rippard & Co., Pub-
 lishers.

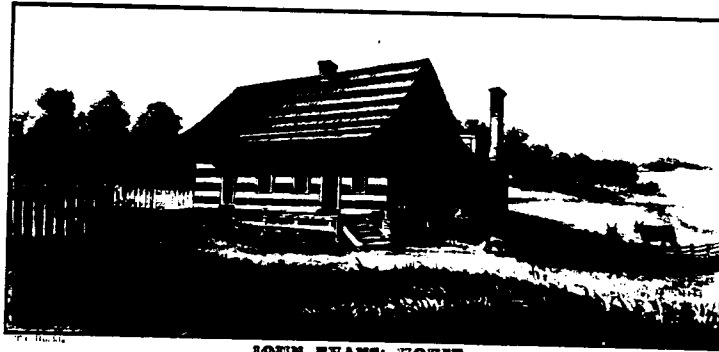
Stock Raisers and Dealers.
 David H. Ryan, Farmer and Dealer of Durham Cattle
 and Raker of Gray Breeds and Black Half Cattle.
 Two miles north of Westminster.
 F. H. Orndorff, Farmer and Dealer in Alderney Cattle,
 and Berkshire and Chester Hogs.
 A. E. Fahrman, Farmer and Breeder of Chester
 and China Hogs, one and a half miles northwest of
 Westminster.
 H. E. Morehead, Farmer and Raker and Breeder of
 Short Horned Cattle, selected from best strains.
 Breeder of Gray and Black Breeds, Chickens.
 Two and a quarter miles west of Westminster.
 Jesse Schaeffer, Farmer and Raker and Breeder of
 Short Horn Durham Cattle and Mixed Stock, one
 and a half miles west of Westminster.
 William Farley, Farmer and Dealer and Raker of Alder-
 ney Cattle, one and a half miles south of West-
 minster.

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jecting prominently, a pleasant voice, a melodious singer, and a great favorite among the children.”⁹ Strawbridge, a man of great energy, also preached in Baltimore, Frederick, and parts of Pennsylvania and Virginia.

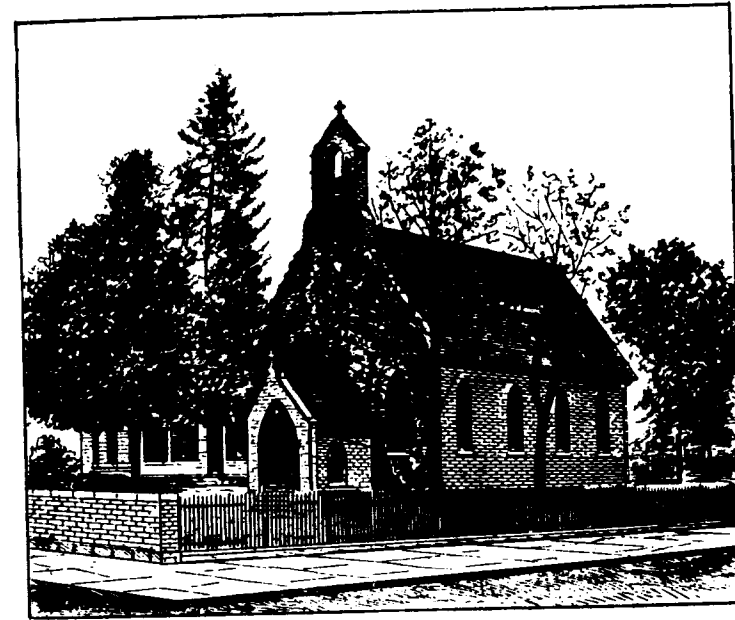


JOHN EVANS' HOUSE.

Union Churches

Union churches were quite common in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Many times a community whose people consisted of many denominations would support one building to which traveling preachers would offer their services. Considering the lack of funds and organization of each denomination, the Union church provided the alternative until a congregation could afford its own building. The abandoned Union church buildings were often converted into schools, also community supported.

Westminster's Union Church was built on the knoll in what is now Westminster Cemetery in the mid-eighteenth century, replaced by brick in 1818, and demolished in 1891. Among the visiting preachers was the renowned Francis Asbury, a preacher and organizer



ASCENSION EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

instrumental in the spread of Methodism throughout the country. The Methodist congregation of Westminster, organized in 1767, used private homes and the Union Church for services until 1839.

Middleburg Union Church, built ca. 1800, also served as a school. The Richard Richards Meeting House, likewise built around 1800, was the first church building in Hampstead.

Other Denominations Organized After 1770

The Anglican, Presbyterian, Catholic, and United Brethren churches in Carroll County were organized after 1770. In 1771 the last Anglican church in Mary-

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1976 Carroll County Maryland: A History 1837-1976.
Haddon Craftsmen.

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Ascension Episcopal Church (sketch)